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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tomoaki TAMURA) Group Art Unit: 2612
Application No.: 09/084,007) Examiner: Rashawn N. Tillery
Filed: May 26, 1998)
For: DIGITAL CAMERA)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002 (Paper No. 8) the period for response to which extends through December 16, 2002 (December 14 being a Saturday), with a one-month extension of time, Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Before examination of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 20, amend claims 21–26, and add new claim 27 as follows:

21. (Amended) The portable camera of claim 27, wherein the first color image data and the second color image data are digital image data including a data set of luminance data and color difference data.

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